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## PROTEST TO WASHINGTON

Washington, May 26.  
A verbal British protest over the denial by Michael McDermott, special public relations assistant to the United States Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, of remarks in the House of Commons by the British Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, on the Anglo-American food agreement, has been made to the State Department by the British Minister here, Mr. Roger Manning.  
British quarters, it is understood, attach considerable importance to the issue raised by McDermott's statement and will endeavour to clarify the situation.  
The view is taken that McDermott's statement represents no difference in interpretation of the agreement reached as a result of Mr. Morrison's visit to the United States but a denial of the terms of the agreement as announced in the Anglo-American communiqué issued eight days ago.  
On the propriety of McDermott's statement, the British view is that if the State Department wished to raise any questions about Morrison's speech in the House of Commons, it should have been done so through normal official channels rather than by a press statement without any attempt at consultation with the British.  
—Reuter.

## Jews' Riot In Budapest

Budapest, May 26.  
Jews demonstrated outside the House of Parliament here today against the recent anti-Jewish pogrom in the village of Kismadaras and fights broke out among the crowd.  
A number of people were beaten up and the police intervened.  
It was later announced that the Government had ordered the persons believed responsible for the pogrom to be tried by court martial.  
After police investigation, 120 people were arrested. The pogrom arose out of the agitation by local Nazi sympathizers and Fascist school teachers. The police report said that those committing atrocities came from various political parties.  
The Hungarian Cabinet today decided to take drastic measures to prevent anti-Semitic agitations.  
—Reuter.  
Hamburg, May 26.  
The British News Service in Germany reports that a "Baltic University" was opened today in Hamburg for Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian students.  
—Reuter.

## Mr. Byrnes' "Threat" Shakes The F.O.

London, May 26.  
Mr. James Byrnes, the U.S. Secretary of State, with his threat in Monday night's speech to take the peace treaties to the U.N.O., has given the Foreign Office something of a shock.  
It is clear that opinion here wholly agrees with virtually all the aims that Mr. Byrnes is seeking, but there is a decided feeling that this particular means is unlikely to achieve the proper ends.  
Britain's policy in this matter, however, is hardly likely to come to the necessary choice — to go contrary to the American policy, so Mr. Byrnes, if he insists, will get reluctant consent from London. Something like that happened last December, when Mr. Byrnes wanted to hold the Big Three Foreign Ministers' meeting in Moscow and the British did not like it; but they gave a polite assent and Mr. Ernest Bevin went.  
This time, it is fairly obvious that the British would prefer not to have to make any decision in the matter.  
There is a feeling here that it would put too great a strain on the U.N.O. and the General Assembly, which could conceivably cause a breakdown. So far as the Russians are concerned, this would be another form of the peace conference, which they have already refused to attend.  
British ask what force there is behind that ultimatum. They do not feel that the Russians hold a Western or democratic opinion in terror and they do not see that the Central Assembly (which in London was nothing but a glorified debating society) would have the necessary executive power to carry through Mr. Byrnes' suggestion. Another aspect, which bothers the British is the soundness of this suggestion. So far as can be ascertained it is a new idea that Mr. Byrnes had not put forward in Paris.  
Sudden Idea  
It is therefore feared that this is not a duly considered and pondered suggestion but a more or less sudden idea that seems valid on the surface but which has a "fundamental" weakness. It would be a mistake to suppose that the British attitude is anything but one of genuine surprise.  
The other three questions have moved no nearer to a solution. The United States and

# THE POST-WAR WORLD

## Preparation For Paris Talks

### Three Major Stumbling Blocks

(By Sylvain Mangoor, Reuters Diplomatic Correspondent)

LONDON, MAY 26.  
THE NEXT IMPORTANT INDICATION OF WHETHER THE SOVIET UNION AND THEIR WESTERN ALLIES WILL FIND SOME MUTUAL ACCEPTABLE WAY OF CO-OPERATING IN SHAPING THE POST-WAR WORLD TOWARDS PEACE WILL BE SEEN IN PARIS, WHEN THE DEPUTIES TO THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS REASSEMBLE TOMORROW TO PREPARE FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON JUNE 15.  
WHETHER THE DEPUTIES WILL REALLY BE ABLE TO MAKE PROGRESS IN REMOVING ANY OF THE MAIN STUMBLING BLOCKS WHICH THE MINISTERS ENCOUNTERED IN PARIS — TRIESTE, ITALIAN COLONIES AND REPARATIONS — DEPENDS IN THE LAST RESORT ON THE INSTRUCTIONS THEY RECEIVE.  
After the breakdown of the London council of foreign ministers last autumn, the deputies' work was virtually suspended until after the "Big Three" meeting in Moscow last December.  
At Moscow, very substantial concessions were made to the Soviet points of view on European peace treaties. Nevertheless, the deputies were unable to achieve an agreement and it became necessary to summon the Paris meeting of ministers themselves.  
Sceptics will doubtless ask better position to smooth out why they should now be in a better position to smooth out the differences revealed in Paris, but the fact that the ministers met a short period before meeting again on June 15 does give some ground for hope that during the interval the deputies' instructions from their governments may enable them to narrow the gap enough for the ministers to reassemble with fresh outside leases of agreement or compromise.  
Possible Outcome  
The disclosure this week that the western powers have agreed to consider the proposals for a revision of the armistice agreements with Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, as proposed by M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Minister, when the meeting convenes, points to one possible outcome of the next four power talks.  
If the foreign ministers again fail to complete the draft peace treaties with Italy and her former Axis satellites, they may decide on a revision of the armistice agreements in eastern Europe as an interim solution, as at this month's meeting they agreed to revise the Italian armistice.  
Of the four urgent issues in external relations which confronted Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, and the British Cabinet at the end of the Paris conference, one has been partially solved.  
No Nearer  
Plans for the demobilisation and transfer to civilian life of the Polish armed forces abroad are reported to have been declared acceptable both by those troops at present in Italy and Polish Government officials in London.  
The practical task of finding civilian employment and permanent homes for Polish troops who persist in refusing repatriation is an immediate one and the extent to which emigration can be arranged is still uncertain. But the disbandment of Polish fighting units in Scotland, Germany, Italy and the Middle East is expected greatly to ease the tension which has existed between the British and Polish Governments on this score.  
The other three questions have moved no nearer to a solution. The United States and

## ATTACKS ON BRITAIN

London, May 26.  
The Soviet Union is building 28 more radio stations aiming at a round-the-clock broadcasting service in 60 languages to cover the entire globe, the "Sunday Dispatch" says today, adding that in the present state of the official Moscow mind this is not reassuring news for Britain or for the British Empire.  
Pointing out that the Soviet state propaganda machine is conducting a persistent attack on Britain, the "Sunday Dispatch" says: "Experts here, whose task it was to monitor German and other foreign broadcasts before and throughout the war, compare the present Russian radio, offensive with that once conducted by Goebbels. The United States, too, comes in for criticism by Moscow. But most of the campaign is conducted against British interests."  
"Britain is indicted as a reactionary, as shielding the remnants of Fascism and as causing most of the present international crises by a capitalist and imperialistic policy. On questions of Greece, Indonesia, Egypt, Syria, India and Palestine, the British point of view is never presented."  
"When Britain agreed on the planned withdrawal from Egypt the situation was presented by Moscow radio only through quotations from obscure and extremist Cairo newspapers which attacked us for not withdrawing instantly and unconditionally," the "Sunday Dispatch" continues.  
"Britain as seen through the eyes of the Russian man-in-the-street, is a nation of oppressors, hated throughout the world, hypocritical and unfaithful to her word and, says Moscow radio, 'the people of Britain are living in misery and discord, exploited by the upper classes and deprived of their freedom.'"  
"There is little satisfaction to be gained in recording this melancholy breach of Anglo-Russian Treaty of friendship which today reaches its fourth anniversary. But it is essential that the British public should realise what is being said and in many quarters, readily believed, about us," the "Sunday Dispatch" concludes.  
—Reuter.

## CHURCHILL

Edinburgh, May 26.  
Winston Churchill told the annual Scottish Church Assembly that unless talk of a threatened atomic raid subsided "the world will live in vast fear and apprehension and under conditions which would offer the most deadly incentive to aggression."  
Prime Minister Clement Attlee told the delegates "the charter of the United Nations sets up fine and lofty ideals, but we have a very long way to go before we can turn this idealism into reality." — Associated Press.

## Power Strike In London

London, May 26.  
The menace to London of a return to blackout conditions through the strike at four electric power stations, involving 2,650 men, appears to be lifting today.  
The strike was caused over the employment of one man, an arch-bishop operator named H. Tolly and involved the operation of the "close shop" trade union principle.  
Tolly today resigned his job and the strikers are now to consider their return to work.  
In Brussels today, the Belgian Prime Minister, Achille Van Acker, attacked "certain elements" who he said were seeking to provide a general strike in Belgium. Already 14,000 iron and steelworkers are on strike and today a new strike threatens in all power stations and gas works throughout the country.  
In France, the strike of doctors in 18 regions today threatens to extend throughout the country. The doctors are refusing to sign birth and death certificates.  
In Toronto today, seamen operating coastal and lake vessels went on strike, demanding an eight hour day. Their union said that if necessary, a strike in ocean shipping would be called to prevent cargo sailings.  
—Reuter.

## ANOTHER CUT

London, May 26.  
The American News Service in Germany states that displaced persons and victims of political persecution in the American occupied zone in Germany will have their food rations cut by 300 calories as from June 1. Rations for those in American camps will be 2,200 calories and other displaced persons will be allowed 2,000 calories a day.  
—Reuter.

## JOINT LABOUR COMMITTEE?

At a meeting of the Chinese Engineers Institute yesterday, it was decided that an attempt should be made to form a joint committee representing all unions in the Colony, to coordinate their activities and advance their interests.  
The committee as proposed by the Institute yesterday would be composed of representatives of the various labour unions in Hong Kong and the scheme will be placed before the unions concerned tomorrow.  
The functions of the Joint Committee would include the reviewing of labour demands, coordination of labour activities, attempts to settle disputes and, in general, to keep a check on irresponsible elements.  
Union representatives are being invited to attend a meeting tomorrow afternoon in the Institute, when the scheme will be laid before them for discussion and approval. Rules and a proposed constitution will then be placed before the meeting.

## Criticism Of Police Methods

London, May 26.  
Routine police methods at an identification parade were criticised at the Denbighshire Assizes at Ruthin, May 24, and Brinsley Thomas, 27, recently demobilised soldier, pleaded not guilty to robbing a Polish soldier with violence.  
The judge said that after the Pole had gone up and down the line of soldiers three times and indicating Thomas had said: "I think that's the one," the detective constable in charge wrongly insisted that he must say one way or other.  
Thomas on oath denied being near the scene and produced witnesses in support.  
Morgan denied the charge and a woman testified to having been with him at the material time.  
Morgan was found guilty and sentenced to three years penal servitude. Thomas was found not guilty and discharged.  
—Reuter.

## REPORT DENIED

Belgrade, May 26.  
A report that an American transport plane recently turned over to Yugoslavia had been shot down over Hungary was yesterday described as "without foundation" by the Yugoslav Press.  
—Reuter.

## Sinister Atmosphere In Palestine

London, May 26.  
Richard Wyndham of the "News of the World" in his special despatch to his paper from Amman, Transjordan, says: "I had found in Palestine before my visit here an atmosphere even more sinister than before."  
"Outwardly, the situation appeared quieter; there was a foreboding silence while behind closed doors 'measures to be adopted' were discussed by Arabs and counter-measures were planned by Jews."  
"The Jews, while not accepting the Anglo-American Committee's findings on Palestine in that no Jewish state is recommended, are anxious to ensure the suggested intake of 100,000 refugees as a stepping stone before issuing a challenge."  
"The Arabs flatly refused to recognise the legality of 'American interference' and demand help of Arab states to prevent further immigration. The extent and form of this assistance will be the main topic of discussion at the meeting of Arab rulers due to take place next week at King Farouk's palace, 18 miles outside Cairo."  
"It is reported that Jamal Husseini, Chairman of the Arab Higher Committee, has been invited to state the demands of the Committee."  
"Coming Struggle"  
Meanwhile, the Iran Government has voted a 20 per cent increase in the price of oil.  
—Reuter.

## THE WEATHER

Today's forecast: Fair with light drizzle, with a shower or two in the evening.  
—Reuter.

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## EGYPT

The debate on Egypt did not advance the Conservative case very much farther. Which is not surprising since the Government's decision is logical and right. What has happened historically this problem goes back to the close of the 1914-18 war when Lord Allenby, who was engaged in clearing up after the serious riots there, declared that the surest defence of Egypt would be achieved by co-operation with a friendly and independent Egypt. There was, however, no real advance in this direction till, in 1936, Mr. Anthony Eden made the treaty which is now coming to an end. Up to that time British policy was to uphold a corrupt Court against the people. This meant that the claims of the people, vigorously pursued against their rulers, were pursued against Great Britain as well. Mr. Eden made Egypt friendly, and prevented her from becoming a quivering Power. He promised that in due time we should get out; and it is that promise on which the present Government are acting now. Here we have "continuity of foreign policy" in its best aspect. Egypt, largely owing to the presence of the British, has become a relatively prosperous country. We have a good record there, and shall leave with a better one.

## PREFERENCE WINS!

America has adopted the principle of Preference. Do you rub your eyes at that statement? Then read the message of President Truman in signing the Philippines Trade and Rehabilitation Bills. This, says the President, is "an unprecedented plan of preferential trade relations with the Philippines to last for 25 years." It is a two-way arrangement from which both countries receive maximum benefit. Thus America recognizes the value of Imperial Preference when it comes to rehabilitating a war-stricken country closely tied to herself. But what of Britain's Imperial Preference, that two-way system of trade which brought such stability, prosperity and strength to a vast area of the world in the pre-war? Negotiations are soon to begin from which America hopes for the elimination of Preference within the British Empire. These negotiations were imposed upon Britain in return for the loan of £1,000,000,000 which still hangs fire under debate in Washington. When America on the one hand grants Preference to a people who have long been under her tutelage and on the other hand demands that the benefits of Preference should be eliminated among the British peoples the negotiations become close to the farcical.

## VATICAN AND RUMANIA

Vatican City, May 26.

A Vatican source said yesterday that nothing is known officially of the report of an imminent rupture of diplomatic relations with Rumania, but added that "such possibility is not excluded." The Rome "Daily American" quoted a well-informed observer as declaring rupture might follow the Rumanian Government accusation that the Holy See representatives abroad had used their diplomatic immunity to aid the former Nazi regime of Germany.—Associated Press.

## URANIUM IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney, May 26.

Extensive survey covering 450 square miles in the Flinders Ranges mountains in South Australia is to be undertaken to discover the value of the extent of uranium deposits. The survey will take three years and the party will comprise several geologists, 30 assistants and a mining team, equipped with diamond drills, according to Mr. John McEwen, leader of the "Country Party." He is thought to be a uranium deposit could be the source of atomic energy which could be used for power and for the production of atomic bombs.

World wheat shortage affects not only the daily bread. It means famine. Why? Here Jean Barnett, M.D., explains what's so vital

## In A Grain Of Wheat

When you casually plucked an ear of corn from the wheat field—that day during one of your pre-war holidays in the country—it is probable that you had no idea just what it was you were idly twiddling around in your fingers.

If you had thought for a moment, the word "flour" would have come into your mind—bread.

It is unlikely that you would have realized that you were holding in your hand not only bread—white and brown—but bacon and eggs, too. And milk, and meat.

## A Peep Inside

Let us take a look into an ear of wheat—the ear of wheat that any one of us as holiday-makers might pluck from the fields.

It will enable us to know what it means when we read that "the extraction rate of flour, is to be increased from 80 to 85 per cent."

Or when we read that an increased extraction rate will adversely affect poultry farmers, and pig and cattle farmers.

Or when we read that the "darker loaf" is more nutritious than the white, loaf of peacetime.

For the little ear of wheat in a mighty storehouse of food and vitamins, for animals as well as human beings.

## The World's Needs

Just a few facts about world wheat needs just now:

It is predicted that 60 million people will starve this year as a result of a shortage in world stocks of eight million tons of grain. If we look at this as one and a half times the total grain used each year in Britain, we get an idea of the enormity of the shortage.

The Government's decision to increase the extraction rate of flour from 80 to 85 per cent. will save 300,000 tons of wheat a year. It seems an insignificant amount, but it will save two and a quarter million people from starvation.

How? And how is the extra five per cent. extraction to be obtained?

If we could cut a wheat grain lengthwise we should see in the middle, around a sort of venting cavity, the "endosperm"—white bread, white flour, to you—which consists of hundreds of cellulose-walled cells containing starch particles floating in a bed of protein called gluten.

It provides also the coarser grained semolina, with its continental offspring, macaroni and spaghetti, and starch, too.

## Vitamin Food

In the lower part of the grain we should see the baby seed for

next year's plant, called the germ (though it has nothing to do with bacteria).

The germ, like any other seed, has the greatest store of nutriment in the grain. It comes to us mixed with a percentage of white flour, as patent brown breads and as special vitamin foods.

Around the endosperm and the germ are several protective layers of tough, fibrous coats called bran. These are despised by the miller, who sells them to the farmer as wheat offal for feeding poultry, pigs and cows.

The miller aims at getting rid of this bran coating in grinding the grain, because it is tough and makes the bread dark, which his customers do not care for.

It is easily sorted in the mill, for the soft endosperm is more easily powdered than the tough bran, and so can be sifted off from the coarser bran particles. The germ, too, because of its high oil content, breaks up into flakes rather than powder, and so can also be removed if required.

The problem of how much of the whole grain ought to be extracted for flour has been one of the Ministry of Food's greatest headaches. The trouble is that in giving us white flour (which is a 70 per cent. extraction) the most nutritious parts of the wheat berry have to be left out.

## B1 Provider

In an 80 per cent. extraction almost all the germ is left in, and as the germ is the richest source of vitamin B1 known, the B1 content of National flour goes up—to 25 times as much as white flour.

So wholesome bread (made from the endosperm and the germ) could be our richest provider of B1, which plays such an important part in breaking down carbohydrates in our body to provide us with energy and heat.

## No Real Sacrifice

The Government's recent decision to introduce 85 per cent. extraction flour means that the extra 5 per cent. must come from the bran.

Recent research has shown that the innermost layer of this despoiled sheath, next to the endosperm, is very rich not only in protein (body-building food), but also in iron (blood-builder) and nicotinic acid (part of the vitamin B complex, shortage of which causes pellagra).

Inclusion of this rich layer in bread will almost double the iron content. One pound of Sir Ben's new bread will give three quarters of all the iron we need each day.

So it seems that Sir Ben has no need to be apologetic about his 85 per cent. loaf. We shall be the better for it.

## IN THE WORLD OF BOOKS

"Great French Romances," in English Translation. Selected with an introduction by Richard Aldington.

(Pilot Press, 15s.)

Here, in commodious form, are four French novels with Mr. Richard Aldington tells us in his admirable introduction have escaped the "terrible mortality" of that species of writing.

The four books with their date of first publication are:

- (1) *La Princesse de Cleves*. By Madame de Lafayette. 1678.
- (2) *Manon Lescaut*. By the Abbé Erevost. 1731.
- (3) *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*. By Choderlos de Laclos. 1782.
- (4) *La Duchesse de Langeais*. By Honoré de Balzac. 1834.

The first was written by a great lady at the Court of Louis XIV.

The second tells a story of the gutter. Manon Lescaut was the first of those potent heroines who for some hundred and fifty years in French drama and fiction, were to break the hearts of innumerable lovers, and end on a Louis Quinze sofa, and die of consumption.

The theme of the third book is the abuse of sex in an over-sophisticated society. The superficial view of this book is that it is pornographic. Actually its teaching is that those who destroy love are destroyed in their turn.

The fourth of these novels is largely political. Balzac was probably the hardest worker of all the world's novelists. Add Balzac to Dickens and you get some idea of the great Frenchman's energy, which compelled him to write a novel every day, and to write a novel every day.

for a guarantee that they would last. Balzac was in a rather all his life, and he died in harness.

I give no guarantee that all readers will like all four novels. But there is something for everybody in each of them, and the six hundred pages present a good fifteen shillings' worth. The introduction by Mr. Aldington is interesting, extremely informative, and altogether very well done.

"Forth, Beast!" by Louis Marlow. (Faber and Faber, 8s. 6d.)

This is an extremely amusing book which pretends to be a biography, suggests that it might be an autobiography, and is really a satire. There is something on every page for somebody to disagree with.

For instance, take the statement that a man who writes to please himself stands a good chance of pleasing other people. I agree. Where I do not agree is that a bore cannot write a good novel because he doesn't get keen enough pleasure. But I never yet met a bore who did not extract the maximum of delight out of himself; that is why he is a bore!

The book presents one with willfully outrageous views on vivisection, war, the nature of the Hun, money, commerce, snobbery, wine, food and religion. I fancy that Mr. Marlow writes in the way he does because he knows it is true. Well, that has always been recognised as a very good way of writing. But I don't think anybody has ever written a book like this before.

## BY THE WAY

By

BEACHCOMBER.

I presume we shall have to wait for the B.B.C. Highbrow Programme before we get broadcast ballet (with plentiful commentary).

That bump was Sonja Tumblova's head hitting the wall of the sham castle. Sergio Trouserin is stamping his foot and shielding his eyes. Ah! Pushov is coming out of his corner for the next round. Tumblova looks scared. She's taken a lot of punishment. Here he comes. He's caught her by the legs and is swinging her round and round. Phugh! He's thrown her into the orchestra. She's split her lip on an oboe. The conductor has thrown her back. Fifteen all! Serge is after her, shooting at her with his absurd bow and arrow. The corps de ballet intervenes. They hoist her on to their shoulders. Pushov and Trouserin are leaping about like demented salmon at an electric weir.

## Three Persian Lads in Trouble

Respectable writer, Ho, yes, we three Persian gentlemen are of being told it must be of us getting a permitance to perform at the Enormous Fair, but we not one of us three are of remembering our grandmothers' unwedded names, and it is that is the only question of all the forms we are of understanding. Leap, good sir, into a motticar cab and come now to hellup we three of filling up our forms for permitances, thus we beg of you, ho, yea. Plank on belly, up, down, up, down, friendly sir.

The-Filthiest-Trio.

## All Over The Place

When the inhabitants of Chagnay-St. Vitus sent a deputation to the Mayor, to ask why an old shirt was being flown from the flagpole on the Town Hall, they were told by the Town Clerk that a laundress had climbed up and attached the shirt. It had been left there, as she has taken the flag and starched it.

A grocer at Milvingham was fined 9s. 6d. for clipping his nostrils with a bent bicycle spoke.

Two platelayers attacked a local school teacher named Fensater at Gilvert Rocks, when he asked them to lay him a plate of eggs and bacon.

## Hang This On The Hatrack

Moderate north-west winds are approaching from eastwards. Mainly bright and dull, with intervals of rain or sunshine. Warm, cold and cloudy, continuing cold or warm, with clouds and sunshine alternating. Moderate winds, mainly local or general, with occasional rain or sunshine.

"spread the better." What Bacon wrote was "Money is like muck, not good except it be spread." This means the same thing, and is better English.

"A Pullet on the Midden." by Rachel Knappott. (Michael Joseph, 10s. 6d.)

The story of a young woman who thought of the countryside in terms of rural rhapsody, and then, during the war, went to work on a farm. She found life that was idyllic, a great deal that was ultra-realistic, and all of it fun. Here is her description of the farmer for whom she worked: "The boss is the exact opposite of the conventional idea of a farmer. Instead of being stout and having apple cheeks and shiny leather gaiters, he is tall, lean, alarmingly active and wears, of all things, pince-nez. He has a reputation, which he encourages with delight, of being quite mad. He takes his glasses off when he reads, his teeth out when he eats, and he celebrated his sixtieth birthday by standing on his head in the middle of the road."

It would be interesting to read this together with Huxley's "Treatise of the O'Ubervilles," and correct one by the other.

"Selected Stories of North Hants." The How-Glass Library. (Maurice E. Fridberg, 2s. 6d.)

Half a dozen admirable, sensitive and realistic stories. The first entitled "Mrs. Johnson" in a street on the hill of Shaftesbury, events have the other half lives. Not much! Not if you think like the author. In the second story, "The How-Glass Library," the author is a bit of a bore.

# SUDDEN END OF STRIKE

## President's Firm Stand Ends Deadlock

### Men Ordered Back To Work

WASHINGTON, MAY 26. THE UNITED STATES RAILWAY STRIKE HAS BEEN SETTLED. JOHN R. STEELMAN, SPECIAL WHITE HOUSE LABOUR CONCILIATOR, WERE ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT. THE SETTLEMENT WAS ANNOUNCED ON THE BASIS OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S MAY 22 PROPOSAL FOR AN 18½ CENTS AN HOUR PAY INCREASE.

STEELMAN MADE HIS MOMENTOUS ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE SAME TIME AS PRESIDENT TRUMAN WAS TELLING CONGRESS THAT ALL INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY IN THE UNITED STATES WAS THREATENED WITH PARALYSIS.

## Gromyko Lodges A Protest

New York, May 26. Andrei Gromyko, Soviet delegate to the United Nations, last night protested sharply against the action of a United Nations official in welcoming Lt.-Gen. Tadeusz (Bor) Komorowski to New York on behalf of the United Nations.

The welcome was extended at a luncheon on Friday by J. B. Hutson, assistant to the United Nations secretary-general.

Dr. Oscar Lange, Polish delegate, also protested against the welcome.

Gromyko in a statement declared that Mr. Hutson had no authority to welcome "fugitive guests" on behalf of the United Nations, adding that "such actions compromise not only the staff but the name of the organization itself."

"Bor is a notorious fugitive," said Mr. Gromyko. "He is an enemy of the Polish people."—Associated Press.

## Swedish Crown Prince Leaves

London, May 26. The Swedish Crown Prince and Princess left London yesterday aboard the new Swedish liner "Saga" after a three week vacation in Britain.

The Crown Prince had been staying at the Swedish legation.

The Crown Princess had stayed with her mother, the Dowager Marchioness of Milford Haven.

The Crown Princess had stayed at the legation and after taking leave of the officials the royal couple left by car for Tilbury docks. — Associated Press.

## THOUSANDS OF COUPONS WORTH

London, May 26. When Dharanlal Nayyar (25) an Indian described as a wholesaler of Edmonton, North London, was charged at Old Street police court today with receiving 700 pairs of socks and 922 vests, the property of some persons at present unknown, a Detective-Inspector said that 2,000 in 21 notes were found in an attache case in Nayyar's shop.

"I have taken possession of it and I propose keeping it, pending inquiries," added the inspector.

The property found in Nayyar's possession involved some five to six thousand coupons. He was remanded in custody until Tuesday. — Reuter.

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"NESTLE'S" Cocoa 72x1 lb tins	1.00

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## COULD BE A DANGER

London, May 26. The Ankara radio, controlled by the Turkish government in a broadcast last night, quoted a newspaper editorial saying that the British withdrawal from the Middle East "could endanger peace."

"Nobody can seriously deny that British power now constitutes an indispensable element for world equilibrium," the Ankara "UHS" was quoted as saying in an article discussing Britain's role in Egypt and Palestine. — Associated Press.

## Nazi Youth Leader Rats On Hitler

Nuremberg, May 26. The familiar often used pattern of blaming it all on Hitler was followed by Baldur von Schirach at the Nazi Nuremberg war crimes trial today.

The former leader of the Hitler youth movement apologized to German youth for treating them to follow "a man who committed a millionfold." He claimed that he broke with Hitler in 1943, and insisted that he knew nothing of Hitler's mass murders until 1944.

German youths knew nothing of it either, he said.

The prosecution riddled his testimony however, with quotations from his own speeches urging German youths to be gun-conscious—handy with a gun.

The prosecution also quoted an extract from a letter he wrote to Hitler suggesting a violent raid on London in revenge for the assassination of "Butcher Heydrich" which Schirach claimed was planned in London. — Associated Press.

New York, May 26. Former President Herbert Hoover left here by plane today for South America as a special representative of President Truman to investigate the possibilities of famine relief. — Associated Press.

## "MORE DEADLY THAN ATOMIC BOMB"

Washington, May 25. Germs reported capable of wiping out cities and entire crops at a single blow are this country's new secret weapons "far more deadly than the atomic bomb."

The disclosure leaked out of Congress after the first baro hint was dropped on the Congress floor yesterday.

Sketchy details of frightening German weapons were provided by members of the House Appropriations Committee. They told newsmen that full details had been given the Committee during hearings on the Navy's \$4,639,718,000 Appropriation Bill which the House passed and sent to the Senate.

One member said that several German weapons had been developed to a point where they could be used whenever necessary. He said the United States was the sole possessor of the secrets involved. He added: "They have developed a weapon that can wipe out all form of life in a large city. It is a germ proposition and is sprayed from aeroplanes and can fly high enough while doing it to be reasonably safe from ground fire. It is quick and certain death."

He said that while not familiar with the minute details he knew the germs were highly contagious and presumably could be spread by bombs. He declared that another germ weapon could destroy an entire grain crop and even the seeds in the ground in a single operation. He added:

## No Winner

"Perhaps man will not realize there can be no winner in a future war and civilization itself will be lost unless we can stop the war forever."

In making his first bare disclosure that the Navy had developed a new terrifying weapon, Representative Albert Thomas, Democrat of Texas, indicated that Vice-Admiral Ross T. McIntire, head of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, had provided details of the germ discoveries to the Committee. The Navy revealed recently it had been conducting germ warfare research at the University of California. The only official disclosure was that the disease under study "is centuries old and one of the greatest of killers." There was speculation at the time that this was a reference to bubonic plague. — Associated Press.

## News To Ike

Savannah, Ga., May 26. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower says that the reports of a new weapon developed by the Navy was news to him.

"All during the war we worried about every conceivable kind of warfare including bacteria," he said. "I wouldn't hazard a guess as to what this might be." — Associated Press.

## Peace Demand

Washington, May 26. Congressional information about the Navy's "germ spray" brought new demands today for permanent peace machinery. Most Congressmen agreed the new weapon meant no nation could afford to engage in war again. — Associated Press.

New York, May 26. The National Distillers Corporation, Directors today approved a plan to stockpile 100,000 gallons of alcohol for use in the production of a new type of fuel. — Associated Press.

## Teheran Order For Elections

Teheran, May 26. Ghavam es Sultaneh, the Prime Minister of Iran, today ordered preparations for the elections to the country's 15th legislature, which were postponed while Iran was occupied by foreign troops.

"Since Iran is now completely evacuated there is no longer any reason to postpone the election which will be held very soon," he said.

The Prime Minister added that the Cabinet had approved the necessary budget so that all provincial authorities could receive the necessary documents and instructions as soon as the question of the "Home Rule" provinces, Azerbaijan, was settled.

The election supervisory committee sat today and the provincial elections committees are to begin preparatory work.

The Iranian government commission which went to Azerbaijan to report on the withdrawal of Soviet troops from the province returned from Tabriz to Teheran late today. The commission was expected to report to the Prime Minister immediately.

The only report which the commission has issued so far was one stating that according to "trustworthy local people" questioned in the centres visited, the Soviet troops evacuated Azerbaijan on May 6.

This was the report transmitted to the Security Council of the U.N.O. and considered by them on Wednesday, to be inconclusive.

Yesterday Ghavam es Sultaneh said he had received notification from the Soviet Ambassador that the Russian evacuation of Iran was completed on May 9. — Reuter.

## Czechs To Vote

Prague, May 26. The first election campaign in Czechoslovakia for 11 years ended yesterday with torchlight processions as each party appealed for support from an approximate 7,500,000 registered voters.

Voting will be compulsory when all males over the age of 18 go to the polls today with a possible fine or prison term as the alternative.

The campaign has been hard fought, with no evidence of outside interference of restrictions on the freedom of speech. Voters will elect 300 deputies to the national assembly, which will then draw up a new constitution and elect a president of the republic—probably Dr. Edouard Benes.

The Communist and the National Socialists appeared the two strongest parties in Bohemia and Moravia, other contenders being the conservative people's (Catholic) party and the left wing social Democrats. — Associated Press.

## HERR BORMANN RECAPTURED?

Nuremberg, May 25. Unconfirmed reports have reached the Yugoslav war crimes delegation at Nuremberg that Martin Bormann, the missing deputy-Fuehrer, had been captured in the British zone of Austria.

Yugoslav sources said that they had been unable to verify the rumours which followed an official American disclosure that \$5,000,000 worth of gold coins which were to have been used by Bormann to finance Nazi resistance after Germany's collapse, had been found in a "mountain redoubt."

No other allied quarters in Nuremberg have any fresh information concerning Hitler's missing confidante. — Associated Press.

## CROPS SAVED BY RAIN

Moscow, May 25. Rainfall yesterday over a wide area in northern Ukraine, Russia's wheat and sugar beet growing region. There is no report however, of rains in the southern areas where the bulk of the wheat crop is raised.

U.N.R.R.A. officials said last week that the drought was threatening disaster to the Ukraine wheat.

A Pravda dispatch reported that heavy rains during the last two days greatly helped wheat and other grain crops in Moldavia. — Associated Press.

New York, May 26. The first Turkish ship to visit New York for 20 years, the "Bakir," arrived on Saturday with 120 passengers, most of them exchange students, who will attend American universities. The "Bakir" is owned by the Turkish government. — Associated Press.

## GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG ORDINANCE 12 OF 1939 REGISTRATION OF PERSONS

Attention of the public is drawn to Section 4, sub-section (1) (2) (3) (4) & (5) of the Registration of Persons Ordinance under which the keeper of every hotel, inn, boarding house and lodging house, and the secretary of every club shall ascertain and enter in a register kept for the purpose the names and nationality of all persons except persons of Chinese race staying in the hotel, inn, boarding house, lodging house or club, together with the dates of their arrival and departure, their destination on departure; and that he shall also make to the Commissioner of Police a correct return of the above particulars in a form specified below.

In accordance with the above provisions, therefore, the Commissioner of Police requires a return to be furnished weekly, commencing from Monday, the 3rd June, 1946.

These returns are to be addressed to the Commissioner of Police, Immigration Office, Police Headquarters, New Oriental Building.

## FORM TO BE USED

### REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 12 OF 1939 HONG KONG ARRIVALS

NAME OF HOTEL, etc. RETURN OF VISITORS FOR PERIOD ENDING

NAME State whether Mr, Mrs, or Miss	NATIONALITY	OCCUPATION	DATE OF ARRIVAL	NAME OF SHIP	WHERE FROM

### REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 12 OF 1939 HONG KONG DEPARTURES

NAME OF HOTEL, etc. RETURN OF VISITORS FOR PERIOD ENDING

NAME State whether Mr, Mrs, or Miss	NATIONALITY	DATE OF DEPARTURE	NAME OF SHIP	DESTINATION

Hong Kong, 16th May, 1946.

Commissioner of Police.

## GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG ORDINANCE 12 OF 1939 REGISTRATION OF PERSONS

Attention of the public is drawn to Section 5 of the Registration of Persons Ordinance which requires the master or other person in charge, owner or agent of every ship or aircraft which arrives within the waters or territory of the Colony or which departs therefrom, carrying any passenger, or passengers, not being of Chinese race, to furnish in writing to the Commissioner of Police, within 48 hours after such arrival or departure as the case may be, a return containing the names of every such passenger, in a specified form.

The correct returns in the prescribed form are to be addressed to the Commissioner of Police, Immigration Office, Police Headquarters, New Oriental Building.

## FORM TO BE USED

### REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 12 OF 1939 HONG KONG ARRIVALS

NAME OF SHIP DATE OF ARRIVAL

COMPANY OR AGENT

ORIGINAL PORT OF DEPARTURE

LAST PORT OF CALL

NAME State whether Mr, Mrs, or Miss	NATIONALITY	PORT OF ORIGIN	OCCUPATION	ADDRESS IN HONG KONG

### REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 12 OF 1939 HONG KONG THROUGH PASSENGERS

NAME OF SHIP DATE OF ARRIVAL

COMPANY OR AGENT

DATE OF DEPARTURE

NAME State whether Mr, Mrs, or Miss	NATIONALITY	PORT OF ORIGIN	PORT OF DESTINATION	REMARKS

### REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE 12 OF 1939 HONG KONG DEPARTURES

NAME OF SHIP

COMPANY OR AGENT

DATE OF DEPARTURE

NAME State whether Mr, Mrs, or Miss	NATIONALITY	DESTINATION	REMARKS

Hong Kong, 16th May, 1946.

Commissioner of Police.

"SO LONG" IN HONG KONG

# Husband "More Elusive Than Pimpernel"

## INTERRUPTED MR. ATTLEE

Edinburgh, May 26. A Scottish minister made an unsuccessful attempt to prevent the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, being heard when he was formally called on to address the Scottish Church Assembly at Edinburgh today.

The minister, Reverend J. S. McNab, jumped to his feet from the floor of the crowded hall and said: "I have a counter motion to make." There were murmurs of dissent and McNab sat down and made no further interruptions.

He told reporters later that the motion he had intended was "that Mr. Attlee be not heard unless he promised that the pledges of Scottish labour candidates are carried out and Scotland is given a measure of devolution."

Mr. Attlee in his speech said: "No international machinery will bring peace to the world unless it has the driving force of idealism behind it. No social system will bring us happiness, health and prosperity unless it is inspired by something greater than materialism. The world has need of spiritual leadership."

Later, the Prime Minister told a civic reception at Edinburgh: "We shall come through these difficulties with the same spirit in which we have come through all difficulties of the last five or six years. I think we shall do it by the qualities of the people of this country—the qualities of courage, steadfastness and humour; and above all the sense of service to the community."—Reuter.

## MASS CLAMOUR FOR FOOD

Tokyo, May 26.

The mass clamour for food was renewed today. Kyodo News Agency reported, with an estimated 20,000 organized workers at Nagoya participating in the first public demonstration since General MacArthur's arrival, warning against "mob violence."

The Nagoya police said the three-hour parade and meeting were "quite orderly." The demonstrators adopted a 21-point resolution which contained demands for immediate delivery of the delayed rice rations.

A mass meeting was also called for the dissolution of the Prefectural Assembly and the resignation of the mayor of Nagoya and others.

The Kyodo News Agency said the government has earmarked a total of 2,100,000,000 Yen in budget estimates for public works to provide employment for 700,000 and "Boris and Billie" jobless persons.—Associated Press.

## Funeral

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eugenia Liu, wife of Colonel Liu Shao-ching, took place yesterday at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley. The Rev. Fr. D. Upton, of the Russian Orthodox Church, officiated. The late Mrs. Liu died at the Kowloon Hospital on Saturday after an illness lasting many months. She was 32 years of age.

The principal mourners were Master George Liu (son) and Master Bobby Liu (son), Mr. Boris Kruchkov (brother) and Miss Tamara Corovska. Among those who attended were Messrs. Olson, Stryk, Corovska, Kolat, Shapir, Smirnov, Donsoulay, Friedman, Shapir, Tomin, Mas H. Tkachenko, Mr. and Mrs. Ponomareff, Mr. and Mrs. Proobrajensky, Mr. and Mrs. Drappel, Mr. and Mrs. Schirjelsky, and Messrs. Tomin, Ivanchenko and Drake.

Wreaths were sent by "George and Bobbie," "Boris and Tamara," "Cora," Nick, Irene Artou and F. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Proobrajensky and family, and Mr. A. P. Tkachenko and family.

## PLANE CRASH

Rangoon, May 26. After over a week's search by aircraft, the wreckage of the American Army plane, returning to Rangoon from Calcutta, has been found near a river bank in the mountainous Arakan district.

No trace has yet been found of the crew and passengers who included four members of the American War Office Commission, who had been examining the Arakan region during the war.

MRS. ALEXANDRA TIPPETT (MAIDEN NAME TERESCHENKO) WAS AT THE FAMOUS BATTLE OF TANNENBERG IN 1914, WHEN GERMAN GENERAL LUDENDORFF ROUTED THE RUSSIANS UNDER SAMSONOV. BUT ALEXANDRA WAS ONLY SIX. IT WAS HER FATHER, A SENIOR OFFICER IN THE IMPERIAL RUSSIAN ARMY, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THAT BLOODY CONFLICT, WHICH YIELDED 90,000 PRISONERS TO THE TROOPS OF THE KAISER. YET SHE CAN REMEMBER DESPERATE FLIGHT WITH HER MOTHER IN A PACKED TROOP TRAIN. MRS. TIPPETT, WHO WAS BORN AT KIEV, CAPITAL OF THE UKRAINE IN EUROPEAN RUSSIA, HAS OTHER PROBLEMS TODAY. THEY CONCERN HER MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

She found it very easy to marry William Henry Osmond Tippett in Hong Kong on April 30, 1938. But she finds it a very difficult matter to divorce him on the ground of his alleged bigamy and adultery.

Living at 156 Coogee Bay Road, Coogee, Sydney, Mrs. Tippett, who came here as an evacuee in 1940, first came into the Divorce Court some long time ago to find that her first hurdle was to prove the validity of her marriage, even after a long delay she was able, last Wednesday, to produce Robert Andrew Dermot Forrest, 5 Sixth Ave., Eastwood, a retired administrative officer and police magistrate with 22 years' service in Hong Kong, to say that her marriage lines were strictly in order.

She has, too, been able to prove that her husband went through a ceremony of marriage with another woman, Ellie Cartwright, typist, at Annandale, in 1941. But she has been unable, even with police assistance, to trace Tippett and the lady. Neither can she obtain any information from Miss Cartwright's relatives. So she has as yet been unable to prove the adultery alleged and her case is again held up pending the possible production of further evidence.

## Honey Dealer

Tippett was 35 when he married 29-year-old Miss Tereschenko. He told her, she informed Mr. Justice Edwards, that he was originally an electrical engineer, who had become a dealer in honey. He had mentioned to her the names of a number of firms connected with the honey trade in Sydney and had told her that he had established business connections with the Dairy Farmers' Company in Hong Kong and would trade them honey from Sydney.

"I only knew my husband for two months before marriage. He had only arrived in Hong Kong a short time before I met him," said Mrs. Tippett.

She had not been very happy during the six weeks she lived with him. Then he left, saying he was off to Sydney, where he asked her to join him, promising that Alexandra would have everything she could desire when she arrived in Sydney.

Mr. Justice Edwards: He painted a land flowing with honey? (Laughter.) Yes, I suppose he did.

## Honeyed Phrases

Only once after that did the wife hear from Tippett. That was when he wrote in honeyed phrases from Saigon, en route to Australia:

... Just a few loving lines to let you know my darling how things are progressing up to the present. ... I am very lonely and feel I would like to turn back. But ... I will go on for you and make plenty of money so we both can enjoy life together. I have a damn good cry at times and feel afraid I am going to lose you. It makes me worried. I do love you very much, and there is no one in this world, my dear, who could take your place in my heart. It is all for you and I do hope you will come to me and help me. ... I will soon as I arrive in Sydney. I will send you 100 dollars. ... I will also arrange your fare at Sydney and on the E. and A. Line. ... I will have such a great surprise for you when you arrive and a beautiful wedding present, and some things else that mean so much to you. Yours ever loving ESMOND.

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Mrs. Tippett said he had never sent her any money or booked her passage.

In July, 1941, detectives visited Mrs. Tippett, she said, and subsequently she had obtained from the Registrar-General's "Department of Particulars of a Marriage at Annandale on March 9, 1941."

She identified her husband's signature and particulars on an original certificate which indicated that he had gone through a form of marriage with Ellie Cartwright, aged 38, at the Hunter-Baillie Presbyterian Memorial Church.

## Marriage "Rumour"

Subpoenaed on behalf of Mrs. Tippett, Mrs. Macquarrie, Catherine Atkins, Evans St. Gladstone, a sister of Ellie Cartwright, and her husband, Charles, Edward Curtis, Atkins, a hotel attendant at Gladstone, although subpoenaed to give evidence, declined to do so.

"The same Tippett" they had met casually in the company of Ellie and another sister, Olive.

They had no idea of the present whereabouts of Ellie or of Olive. They did not know that Ellie had ever gone through a form of marriage with anyone. They had only heard rumours.

When Mr. Justice Edwards said he could not grant a decree in the absence of additional evidence Mr. Farnell remarked: "The Scarlet Pimpernel has got nothing on this fellow Tippett for elusiveness."

The hearing was stood over to an indefinite date.

## ADMIRAL ABE TO HANG

Gotam, May 26.

Admiral Koso Abe has been sentenced to hang and two other Japanese received prison terms for the beheading of nine of the famed Carlson Riders on Kwajalein Island in 1942.

A U.S. Military Commission sentenced Captain Yoshio Obara, commander of Kwajalein, to 10 years' imprisonment.

The victims were among 14 Americans stranded on Makin Island during a raid in August, 1942. The defendants were convicted on May 22.

Admiral Abe stated that "to be charged with the responsibility of an act incident to obedience to orders is in conflict with my entire military training and the ideas of the society to which I belong."

Japanese-appointed defence counsel E. Tanguich said the Japanese people welcomed the justice being meted out to "A" criminals, but they were saddened by the plight of "B" and "C" type suspects, in which category contended three of the defendants belonged. He said they were victims of "feudalistic militarism."

Navy Lieutenant Edward Field, Judge-Advocate, said the defendants were part of a military clique which plunged Japan into a war to increase their personal power and glory, and declared the nine Americans were not accorded any of the considerations which the accused "so eloquently petitioned for."—Associated Press.

## Readers' Letters

### Black Market

Sir—I notice in today's issue of your paper, an advertisement by the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Milk Products Ltd., relative to supplies of certain Nestle products.

From this notice, it appears that, on application, complete case lots will be made available to staff members of business firms etc., but that individual consumers are required to present a doctor's or Welfare Centre Certificate.

As no mention has been made regarding the standing or otherwise of business firms eligible for complete case lots, it seems to me that far from rendering a service to the public, the procedure being adopted by the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Milk Products Ltd., will provide many of the mushroom firms in this Colony with an opportunity of obtaining adequate stocks to indulge in further black market activities. Surely, the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Milk Products Ltd., cannot be ignorant of the fact that a large number of the so-called "import and export firms" in this Colony at the moment, some of which are run by Government servants (Chinese), are engaged in purely black market activities and in putting it over Government and way or another. It is therefore suggested that reasonable precautions be taken to prevent stocks falling into wrong hands and to this end, a stipulation should be made that only firms at good pre-war standing in Hong Kong should be entitled to obtain supplies under the present scheme.

Finally, I would like to draw attention to the fact that the

## PRES. LINES SUE

San Francisco, May 26. Ten American seamen have sued the American President Lines for a total sum of more than \$1,000,000, charging that through the Line's negligence they were left ashore on Manila when the "President Grant" sailed on December 11, 1941, and as a result they were imprisoned by the Japanese.—Associated Press.

## Anders' Polish Army In Italy

Moscow, May 26.

Yakov Viktorov, the Soviet political commentator, discussing the demobilisation of Wladyslaw Anders' Polish Army in Italy in today's "Pravda," charged "certain circles" in Britain and the United States with doing everything possible to preserve General Anders' army.

"It is well known," Viktorov said, "that almost immediately after the statement that the Army was being disbanded, discussions began for the transfer of 40,000 of the troops to guard the oil pipelines in Transjordan."

The preparations now going on do not point to the disbandment of the army," Viktorov said.

After quoting a British report that the transfer of General Anders' troops from Italy to Britain would be spread over four or five months and that they would be included in specially organised corps in Britain, he added:

"Anders' Army is not being demobilised but it is being preserved as before only under another name. By means of such plans attempts are being made to reserve the army for a future time."

Certain conservative circles in Britain have already suggested using it for garrison service in some sections of Germany."

(The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, announced in the House of Commons on Wednesday that about 60,000 troops of the troops already in Britain would be included in "resettlement corps" which would prepare them for civil employment in Britain or overseas if they did not wish to return to Poland).—Reuter.

## VETERAN SENATOR COLLAPSES

Washington, May 26.

Senator John H. Bankhead, 73, of Alabama, is still unconscious at the Naval Hospital here hours after he had collapsed during a committee hearing.

Doctor George Calver said that heat and exhaustion might have been responsible but that his diagnosis would await a more complete examination.—Associated Press.

## SLIGHT PROSPECT OF PEACE IN ASIA

(By MORRIS HARRIS)

WASHINGTON, MAY 26.

SUMNER WELLES, FORMER UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, SEES SLIGHT PROSPECT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF "A REIGN OF PEACE" IN INDIA AND CHINA AND OTHER POLITICALLY UNSETTLED AREAS OF ASIA. HE SAID FAILURE OF THE MAJOR POWERS TO AGREE UPON SOME METHOD OF REACHING POST-WAR SETTLEMENTS AND CARRYING THEM OUT IS "DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE FAR EAST."

"CIVIL STRIFE (IN CHINA) CONTINUES AND UNFORTUNATELY WILL CONTINUE UNTIL SOME KIND OF UNDERSTANDING IS REACHED BETWEEN MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE RATHER THAN IMPEDE THE POLITICAL UNITY OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE."

"The whole of the Far East is distraught with civil war and widespread agitation as a result of the clash of interests in that region between the Soviet Union and the Western powers. It will soon be a year since Japan was defeated and the end of the war came to the Far East, yet all that has happened in Indo-China is that the French by force of arms have been able temporarily to put down resistance of the people to end French domination over them."

"Korea is divided into two tightly-sealed zones, one controlled by the Russians and one by ourselves. Because of the inability of the Russians and Americans to agree, the Korean people have not only made no advance towards independence which was promised them by the declaration of Cairo of 1943 but they have not even been able to commence the task of rebuilding their own country submerged by 40 years of Japanese tyranny."

"But it is particularly in India where matters have reached an acute crisis. There seems little probability that an agreement can readily be reached by which the Indian people will in the near future obtain their independence. Unless some kind of agreement between the Indian political leaders is soon found for a provisional government which will pave the way to ultimate independence a menacing outbreak of the gravest character may flare up in India at any time."

"That's why," I believe our government must urge that the United Nations should without further delay assume joint responsibility for assuring all the eastern peoples now fighting for their freedom that they will be helped as rapidly as possible toward the goal of full independence. That's the only way in which we can gain hope that widespread disaster can be prevented and in which the dependent peoples of the East can be safeguarded in the struggle for liberty."—Associated Press.

## Idle Rubber Estates

San Francisco, May 26.

The United States Rubber Company today reported that political unrest was keeping about three-quarters of its Far Eastern rubber plantations out of production.

The first quarter output on the Malayan plantations was a little over 400,000 pounds but Sumatran plantations, which include about three-quarters of the Company's 102,000 acres, were shut down.

Company officials said the reports indicated that the Malayan plantations might hit 50 per cent of the pre-war capacity by the end of the year.

The fourth quarter production has been tentatively forecast at 2,930,000.

The pre-war annual yield was around 24,000,000 pounds.

Rehabilitation of rubber production is being directed by the Malayan Rubber Estates Owners Company formed by the British Military Administration.—Associated Press.

## EDUCATION IN SINGAPORE

Singapore, May 26.

Two hundred former students have been notified that the King Edward VII College of Medicine will reopen in June.

Former Raffles College students received less encouraging news, because of extensive damage suffered during the Japanese occupation, no date has been set for Raffles to resume operation.—Associated Press.

During the absence of Admiral Lord Fraser, who is making a farewell visit to Nanking, Rear Admiral C. B. Archer, C.B., C.B.E., Rear Admiral Commanding Destroyers, has assumed responsibility of senior officer duty at the Raffles College campus.

## THE NAVY IN SYDNEY

Sydney, May 16.

Lieut.-Comdr. Morgan Margan-Giles of Devonshire was married to Miss Pamela Bushell of Darling Point, at St. James' Church and are leaving almost immediately for Hong Kong, where the groom is stationed.

Noel Bartrop, who has just concluded four years in the Royal Navy, is engaged to Miss Peggy Ryan of Gundagai and the wedding is likely to take place in June.

Another engagement announced is that between Pilot Officer Henry Harton, R.A.F., of Suffolk and Miss Norman Mary Mackay of Clevelly. Sub-Lieut. Graham Bach, R.N.V.R., was noticed at Prince's while Sub-Lieut. J. Cobb, R.N., and Lieut. Kenelm Bramah of H.M.S. Glory were in different parties at Richmond's. Sub-Lieut. Peter Campbell, R.N.V.R., has left for England and his attractive wife, formerly Monica Walker-Hoskings of Melbourne, hopes to rejoin her husband next month in Nottingham.

Lieut.-Comdr. Alex Barrie, R.N.V.R., is one of the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lord of Gurley Station. Lieut.-Comdr. Chris Barchard, R.N.V.R., was one of the passengers on the "Athlone Castle" for England, and before leaving dined at a farewell party with Comdr. Nigel Bruce Kingsmill, R.N., and Capt. Lord Eric A. Drummond, R.N. ... Sheik of the week, according to a columnist, is Comdr. Sandy Spang-Gerson, R.N., an Admiral Woodhouse's staff. "He has a quick wit, is a perfect dancer and knows all the answers."

## ANOTHER QUISLING EXECUTED

Oslo, May 26.

Vidkun Quisling's minister of interior, Albert William Hage-lin, has been executed.

Hage-lin was Quisling's right hand man and was accused of being one of the chief plotters of the invasion of Norway.

He was originally sentenced to death by a Norwegian court and later appealed to the supreme court, which upheld the verdict.

He died before a firing squad.—Associated Press.

## JAPANESE LOOSE IN MALAYA

Kuala Lumpur, May 26.

A road patrol noticed what appeared to be four Chinese and a Malay cycling near here. Suspicious, they stopped the quintet, and found they were Japanese who had been hiding in the jungle eight months.

A search revealed one carried a loaded revolver and two others had dummy guns. Police believe they are responsible for more than a dozen unsolved robberies in this vicinity. Two of the Japanese were airmen, two military railway employees and the fifth an English-speaking civilian.—Associated Press.

## "COLLABORATING"

London, May 26.

Moscow radio today quoted "American press reports" for a statement that "American officers are collaborating with Japanese troops against the People's Revolutionary Army of China."

Broadcasting in English the radio said, "Reports in the Chinese and American press show that American armed forces in North China are not helping the Chinese to dislodge the Japanese troops; on the contrary, Kuomintang (Chinese Nationalist) troops trained and armed by the Americans are being sent to fight the People's Revolutionary Army."—Reuter.

## AIR EXTENSION

New York, May 26.

The Trans-World Airline today announced its plans soon to extend operations as far as India. It already operates routes totalling 10,797 miles. The Company has ordered 18 more 51-Consolidation planes for passengers from the Lockheed Corporation at a cost of \$10,000,000, making a total fleet of 37 such planes.—Associated Press.



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# U.N. Economic Council Opens With Optimism

NEW YORK, MAY 26.  
SIR RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR, THE INDIAN CHAIRMAN AT THE U.N. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL MEETING HERE TODAY DECLARED THAT: "THE FUTURE IS NOW GOING TO BE ONE OF THE BLOOM."

HE FORMALLY OPENED THE FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY DELEGATES OF 18 NATIONS.

President Truman, in a message read by the American delegate John G. Winant, the former United States ambassador to Britain, appealed to the delegates to achieve freedom from want.

"Encourage production, help to open up transport, clear com-

munications and assure a higher standard of living," he said. Sir Ramaswami said that the hope of achieving these objectives was shared by a great mass of people in every country. He condemned the prophets of gloom in the various countries who criticised the Economic and Social Council's hopes and plans as being too ambitious. The council would become a major factor in solving the economic and social problems facing mankind. He envisaged it as the world's central organisation bringing together many specialists and agencies in all fields outside politics.

## Dorman-Smith For The U.K.?

Rangoon, May 25.  
A highly reliable source said yesterday that the governor, Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, is leaving Burma shortly for the United Kingdom to discuss the Burma situation with the cabinet.

The source said there had been numerous demands for Burma independence recently and a number of persons discovered drilling with wooden guns had been arrested. Unrest also was attributed to marauding bands now being hunted by combined Indian, West African and British forces.

During the Governor's absence, this source said, C. F. B. Pearce, a member of the governor's council, would act as governor.—Associated Press.

## HELP PROMISED TO AUSTRIA

Vienna, May 25.  
An unexpected offer to supply Austria with 25,000 tons of food was made today by the Soviet and American military commanders.

The Austrian food minister, Doctor Hans Frenzel, had reported that a cut in rations to 700 calories daily—a level of near starvation—was inevitable if food was not found before U.N.R.R.A. deliveries which are expected in July.

The food promised by the Allied military commanders will permit the ration to remain at the 1,000 calory level.—Associated Press.

London, May 25.  
The new Egyptian ambassador to Russia, Mohamed Kamel El-Bondari, Pasha, arrived in Moscow yesterday, Moscow radio reported. He was welcomed at the airport by Molotov, Soviet foreign minister.—Associated Press.

## KING'S

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## ERUPTION

Batavia, May 26.  
Mount Semerou, 12,057 foot volcano near Java's east coast is today erupting ashes, rocks and mud, the Indonesian paper "Mardika" reported.

So far it has destroyed nearly 100 houses and about 370 acres of rice fields, and has caused flooding.—Reuter.

## IF NOT TRUE, IT SHOULD BE

Sibu, Sarawak, May 25.  
One of Sarawak's favourite tales of the Japanese occupation era is this:—

A Chinese gardener in pre-war days taught his pet parrot to say "Down With Japan." Then the Japanese arrived and the frightened gardener hurried to a monastery to ask advice from a monk.

"Don't be scared," the monk said and exchanged the gardener's parrot for his own.

Two days later the Kempeitai, working on a tip from a local Japanese, sent squad to the Chinese gardener's house. They charged him with an anti-Japanese act—teaching his parrot to say "Down with Japan." He denied it. "Bring out the bird," they ordered. The Chinese complied.

"Down with Japan!" one Japanese shouted at the bird.

The (Monk's) parrot remained silent. The Japanese repeated the slogan and again received no response. Then, together, all three Japs shouted: "Down with Japan!"

"Amen! Amen!" replied the parrot.—Associated Press.

## CLASH IN RIO

Rio de Janeiro, May 25.  
One is reported dead and at least 29 others are being treated for wounds after mounted police fired yesterday into a crowd of several thousand who had gathered for a Communist mass meeting in Largo Carioca Plaza.

The meeting was called despite the police order forbidding it to celebrate the first year of legality of the Communist Party.—Associated Press.

Sofia, May 25.  
The Bulgarian parliament yesterday voted to transfer to Soviet Union all German property and enterprises in Bulgaria.—Associated Press.

## Women Banned At Arab King's Enthronement

Amman, May 26.  
Sixty-four-year-old Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein, formally mounted the throne of Transjordan yesterday morning and promptly called upon the whole Arab world to unite behind him for a federation of Arab states.

In what was probably the most important and colourful day in Transjordan's 5,000-year history, the bearded Abdullah accepted kingship over his 300,000 subjects as agreed in a treaty signed a month ago ending the British mandate over the country.

The actual enthronement—Moslem kings are not crowned—lasted just 14 minutes and was in the Arabic language. Dignitaries of British and Arab countries attended officially, garbed in dazzling uniforms.

Among the personages present were Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary general of the Arab league, Abdul Illah, regent of Iraq, and officials from the Lebanon, Syria and Saudi Arabia, plus British diplomatic and military leaders.

Abdullah entered the throne room of his 15-year-old palace dressed in red and gold brocade and wearing a white silk turban and a gold embroidered black robe and he had on the gold chain of Arabic royalty.

The foreign minister, Mohammed Pasha Shurayk, made a brief address praising the king's efforts to cement the Arab nations and added, "the Arabs of the world are united behind your throne as never before."

After basic laws had been read to a wildly cheering crowd outside, a guard from the Arab legion of honour fired a salute. From the roof of a nearby house, Captain Norman Smith, a British Arab legion officer, waved a towel toward a nearby mountain. There, on the site of a 1500-year old Roman fort, a royal artillery unit fired a 101-gun salute from a battery of 25 pounders.

## Arab Legion

Later the participants went to Mafka airport near Amman where king Abdullah made his first inspection of Arab legion troops under Brigadier J. B. Glubb Pasha, the famous British commander.

The 3,000 troops then paraded with mechanised units, infantry and horse cavalry. The display was climaxed when camelliers, colourfully clad in red, gold and khaki, rode by on sleekly groomed camels.

The ceremonies ended with luncheon for 300 guests who were served with 50 whole roasted sheep on hammered bronze platters.—Associated Press.

## CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twelfth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 29TH DAY OF MAY, 1946, at 12 o'clock to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts as at 31st December, 1941 and 31st December, 1945 to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd to the 29th day of May 1946 both days inclusive.

George Y. K. Sun,  
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 18th May, 1946.

## CHINA ENTERTAINMENT AND LAND INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of China Entertainment and Land Investment Company, Limited will be held at the registered office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, on Wednesday the Twelfth day of June 1946 at 12 o'clock noon when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution.

That Article 71 of the Articles of Association be altered by substituting the figures "\$1,200.00 to \$2,400.00" for the figures "\$600.00 to \$1,200.00."

Dated the 18th day of May 1946.

George Y. K. Sun,  
Secretary.

## CHINESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS AND KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY, BRITISH SECTION

### JOINT RAILWAYS TENDER BOARD

#### NOTICE

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in TRIPLICATE which should be clearly marked "Tender for Erection of Railway Wagons" will be received at the offices of the Kowloon Canton Railway, British Section, until noon of Friday, 7th June, 1946.

The wagons which will be required to be assembled on railway tracks at Hung Hom consist of the following types:—

- 165—40-ton box cars
- 9—20-ton flat wagons
- 134—40-ton high gondolas
- 22—20-ton high gondolas
- 2—40-ton flat wagons.

Full particulars may be obtained on application to the Mechanical Engineer, Kowloon Canton Railway Workshops, Hung Hom on the deposit of a fee of \$1,000.00 with the Accountant of the Railway at the Head Offices of the Kowloon Canton Railway, which will be refunded on the submission of a bona fide tender. The deposit receipt must be attached to the tender. The successful tenderer will be required to sign a formal contract and give security in the sum of \$10,000.00 in cash to be deposited with the Accountant of the Railway for the faithful performance of the terms of such contract.

The Board does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

I. B. TREVOR,

Chairman, Railway Tender Board.

Hong Kong, 24th May, 1946.

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CAR CEILINGS  
RAISED

Washington, May 26.  
The Office of Price Adminis-  
tration today raised retail price  
ceilings for 16 makes of new  
automobiles to off-set the  
higher costs of steel, other  
material and parts.

The OPA said the increases  
range from eight per cent above  
the present ceilings.

The increases apply to cars  
built by Chrysler, Ford, Gen-  
eral Motors, Hudson, Nash,  
Packard and Studebaker.

The OPA, which hinted at  
possible further price increases  
for new cars, said the principal  
reason for the new general  
price increase was the \$5 a ton  
increase in the price of steel  
granted when steel workers won  
the wage increase controversy.  
Associated Press.

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TIENTSIN, MAY 26.

VIRTUALLY NO RAW WOOL HAS REACHED TIENTSIN  
SINCE THE JAPANESE SURRENDER BECAUSE OF  
CONTINUED DISRUPTION OF RAIL COMMUNICA-  
TIONS WITH PRODUCING AREAS SUCH AS SHAN-  
TUNG PROVINCE, INNER MONGOLIA AND WEST  
CHINA. WRITES THE U.S. OFFICIAL "FOREIGN  
COMMERCE WEEKLY," REVIEWING TRADE CON-  
DITIONS NORTH CHINA FOR MARCH.

THE SMALL AMOUNTS WHICH MAY ARRIVE IN 1946  
ARE EXPECTED TO DO NO MORE THAN MEET MINI-  
MUM LOCAL REQUIREMENTS; NO WOOL EXPORTS  
MAY BE EXPECTED FOR SOME TIME TO COME. IN  
1936 TIENTSIN EXPORTED 25,000,000 POUNDS OF  
RAW WOOL TO THE U.S.A.

Moreover no export surplus  
of cotton, even the rough staple  
variety known as Hsi Ho which  
is used for mixing with wool,  
can be expected for two or three  
seasons. Collections from the  
1945-46 crop are estimated at  
about half a million pounds, or a  
quarter of the requirements of  
local mills.

The brittle trade was less  
seriously interfered with by the  
Japanese than many others and  
some 10,000 to 15,000 cases are  
reported available for export.  
Some of these however, are  
poorly dressed and a fair share  
of the stocks are held by people  
unfamiliar with the trade. In  
view of a number of factors  
some exporters are unwilling to  
offer cargo.

## Dark Outlook

There are considerable quan-  
tities of raw furs available for  
export in Tientsin, including  
Japanese mink, but no export-  
able stocks of raw goatskins;  
the Japanese export embargo  
and monopoly virtually destroy-  
ed this trade.

The carpet and rug industry  
is facing difficulties from dis-  
persal of labour, lack of  
material and wear and tear of  
plant. There are considerably  
less than 100,000 square feet of  
standard 90-line carpets and  
less than 250,000 feet of hooked  
rugs available for export.

To the extent that Tientsin's  
ability to buy foreign goods de-  
pends on its ability to ship its  
own goods abroad, the outlook  
for resumption of commercial  
import trade on an important  
basis, concludes the review, is  
likewise dark.—Reuter.

U.S. Silver  
Request

New York, May 26.

A group of U.S. manufacturers  
of silver has formed a committee  
to urge the government to sell  
silver from the Treasury because  
supplies are inadequate for manu-  
facturing.

William G. Thurber, chairman  
of the committee, estimated that  
supplies in January equalled about  
30 per cent of requirements, sup-  
plies available in February were  
about 16 per cent of needs and  
that in March barely 10 per cent  
of requirements were filled, and  
said supplies have continued to  
decline.

Under American law, silver is  
71 cents an ounce, but silver  
bought by the Treasury may not  
be sold for less than \$1.29. During  
the war, the Treasury was per-  
mitted to sell silver for 71.11  
cents an ounce as an emergency  
measure.

Thurber estimates the Govern-  
ment has about 225,000,000 ounces  
more silver than required for  
monetary and currency purposes.  
—Associated Press.

U.S. Buying  
In War Years

Washington, May 26.

Civilian agencies of the U.S.  
Government spent \$4,869,000,  
000 abroad for copper, sugar,  
rubber, tin and other commodi-  
ties between July 1, 1940, and  
Dec. 31, 1945, the Department  
of Commerce reported today.

The Rubber Development  
Corporation's buying of rubber  
from the Far East may reach  
\$150,000,000 during 1946 and  
ever more in 1947 and the  
Agricultural Department is still  
buying Cuban Sugar near its  
wartime rate, the report said.

Other programme call for  
continuing purchases of several  
commodities. The Department  
report said "Although some  
Government programme have  
been cancelled to permit private  
importers to resume trading,  
the cancellation has not been  
advisable or possible in many  
cases."—Associated Press.

DUTCH-BELGIAN  
AGREEMENTS

Brussels, May 26.

Trade and financial agree-  
ments between Belgium and the  
Netherlands were signed here  
today by the Belgian Foreign  
Minister, Paul Henri Spaak,  
and the Netherlands Finance  
Minister, P. Lofink.

The trade agreement regul-  
ates the system of commercial  
exchanges between the Nether-  
lands and Belgium. Customs  
union for one year from June 1  
next to May 31, 1947.—Reuter.

## BRIDGE NOTES

"Some time ago," recalls a  
Philadelphia reader, "you discus-  
ed a bidding problem similar to  
the hand that I'm worried about.  
But, as I remember it, there was  
a four-card spade suit in the hand  
you discussed. What would you  
do with this hand?"

South, Dealer  
North-South vulnerable

S. K 8 3  
H. 9 2  
D. K Q 9 8 7  
C. 10 7 6

N. Q 5  
A. J 8 6 5 4  
D. J 10  
C. 8 6 2

S. A J 10  
H 7 3  
D. A 10 4  
C. A K Q J 9

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1C Pass 1D Pass  
2NT Pass 3NT Pass

"West opened a heart, and the  
defenders rattled off the first six  
tricks. As you can note, we had  
five clubs ice-cold. But if North  
had held the King of hearts in-  
stead of spades, we might have  
been better off at three no-trump  
than at five clubs. Anyway, we  
never know how to bid this type  
of hand correctly. What ought  
we do?"

We're going to recommend an  
unusual bid, used by all experts  
but not known to the general  
bridge public. South's second bid  
should be one spade—even though  
he has only a three-card spade  
suit!

Just consider what his alterna-  
tives are. If he bids two no-  
trump, he is just hoping wildly  
that the combined hands have a  
heart stopper. A good deal of the  
time, therefore, he should expect  
to be set, as our correspondent  
was. And if South bids three  
clubs, he just passes the buck to  
North. North has spades and  
diamonds stopped but has to guess  
about hearts; and if North had  
the red suits stopped, he would  
still have to guess about spades.

But South removes the guesses  
by bidding one spade. Now three  
clubs have been bid, and North  
should not bid no-trump without  
a stopper in the fourth suit.  
Moreover, if North does avoid  
no-trump, South can be sure that  
the hearts are unstopped. In this  
case, such bidding would lead to  
a five-club contract, since North's  
reluctance to bid no-trump would  
tell South exactly what he want-  
ed to know about the heart situa-  
tion.

Yesterday you were Oswald  
Jacoby's partner and, vulnerable  
against non-vulnerable opponents,  
you held:

S. 8 5 3  
H. A Q 7 3 2  
D. A 4 2  
C. 6 5

The bidding:  
Schenken You Majer Jacoby  
1S Pass 1NT 2C  
Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid two hearts. You  
know that your partner has a  
good hand since he has made a  
vulnerable overcall, but you can-  
not afford to make a jump bid  
since you have no fit for clubs  
and are not sure that your part-  
ner has a fit for hearts.

Score 100 per cent for two  
hearts, 30 per cent for three  
hearts.

Today you hold the same hand,  
and the bidding continues:  
Schenken You Majer Jacoby  
1S Pass 1NT 2C  
Pass 2H Pass 2NT  
Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer  
Tomorrow).

Question  
Today you hold the same hand,  
and the bidding continues:  
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